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SUBJECT: ILO - PHILIPPINE CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY OF 1975

INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

REF: MANILA 1634

FYI 1. ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE IS NORMALLY A SMOOTHLY RIGGED OPERATION IN WHICH THE GEOGRAPHIC REGION WHOSE TURN IT IS TO HOLD THE OFFICE CAUCUSES AND SELECT A SINGLE CANDIDATE WHO IS ELECTED IN A WELL-ORCHESTRATED, TRADITIONAL ROUTINE CONSISTING OF A NOMINATION SPEECH, SECONDING FROM GOVERNMENT, WORKER AND EMPLOYER BENCHES, ENDING IN ACCLAMATION RATHER THAN A VOTE. WE EXPECT THAT THIS PATTERN WILL BE FOLLOWED IN 1975, WHICH IS ASIA'S YEAR TO HOLD THE OFFICE.

2. THE UNITED STATES NORMALLY SUPPORTS THE GEOGRAPHIC CAUCUS'S CHOICE, WHICH SIMPLY MEANS THAT WE TAKE NO PART IN THE PROCEEDINGS, AND MAKE NO STATEMENT DURING THE ELECTION  
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RITUAL. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE ANYTHING

IN THE 1975 ELECTION THAT WOULD REQUIRE US TO DEPART FROM  
THIS PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR.

3. THUS, IF THE ASIAN CAUCUS SELECTS OPLE, OR ANY OTHER  
PHILIPPINE CANDIDATE, HE WILL BE A "SHOO IN," THE UNITED  
STATES WILL SUPPORT HIM PASSIVELY, AND NOTHING WILL HAPPEN

THAT WILL CAUSE HIM TO BE TABBED AS A "LITTLE BROWN  
BROTHER OF THE AMERICANS."

4. PRESIDENCY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE IS  
AN OFFICE THAT IS LIMITED TO THE PERIOD OF THE CONFERENCE--  
ABOUT THREE WEEKS--PLUS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBSEQUENT  
APPROVAL OF THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE VERBATIM RECORD OF  
PROCEEDINGS, END FYI

5. EMBASSY MAY INFORM PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT THAT, SHOULD  
OPLE RECEIVE THE SUPPORT OF THE ASIAN CAUCUS OF THE ILO,  
HE WILL HAVE US SUPPORT. KISSINGER

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